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November 6, 2015

The Honorable Carol E. Jackson
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri
111 South 10th Street
St. Louis, MO 63102

Re: *United States v. Shipp*, 4:00-CR-377 CEJ

Dear Judge Jackson:

My name is Holly Ragan, and I represent the St. Charles County Public Administrator, who has been appointed the guardian and conservator for Stephen T. Shipp, the defendant in the above-reference matter.

The Public Administrator has become aware of your November 2, 2015 order that "Deborah J. Lanham . . . is required to attend the status hearing" on Friday, November 13, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

The Public Administrator respectfully requests a brief continuance of the status hearing. The Public Administrator has two other hearings already scheduled for that date and time in the Probate Division of the St. Charles County Circuit Court, *In re Carl Theodore Hibbs*, 1411-PR00384, and *In re Brenda Jill Leedom*, 1511-PR00901, and a continuance of those matters is likely to prejudice the parties involved. The Public Administrator also requests a brief continuance so that she may make further attempts to find a suitable facility that is willing to accept Mr. Shipp; her understanding was that his attorneys in this matter had made arrangements with such a facility (and the Public Administrator was fully supportive of and cooperative with those arrangements), but that the facility is no longer willing to accept Mr. Shipp. Ideally, suitable arrangements will be finalized—or at least in the process of being finalized—before a status hearing occurs.

The Public Administrator is available to appear on any date other than November 13, 19, 26, and 27, and December 17, 24, and 25. This letter is also being copied to attorneys of record Kevin Curran and Patrick T. Judge, Sr.

Please be assured that the Public Administrator will make diligent efforts to find a suitable placement as soon as possible for Mr. Shipp. Thank you in advance for your understanding in this matter.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Holly E. Ragan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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